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8. ☒ In addition to the documents cited, the Office's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number(s):
- a. U.S. serial no. 10/655,886, filed 9/5/2003, Hörrold et al.
 - b. U.S. serial no. 10/656,313, filed 9/5/2003, Bauer et al.
 - c. U.S. serial no. 10/656,398, filed 9/5/2003, Bauer et al.
 - d. U.S. serial no. 10/656,406, filed 9/5/2003, Bauer et al.
 - e. U.S. serial no. 10/660,079, filed 9/11/2003, Thewes et al.
 - f. U.S. serial no. 10/669,483, filed 9/24/2003, Knop et al.
 - g. U.S. serial no. 10/669,921, filed 9/24/2003, Knop et al.
9. ☒ The "*Kunststoffe 85*", document discloses examples of attempts to reduce the specific gravity of unsaturated polyesters, containing aluminum hydroxide as a filler, by the addition of hollow glass beads.

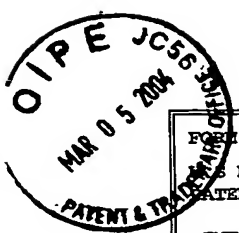
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